



Long Beach Police Department
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ROBBERY ALERT

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Street robberies have been a problem throughout the city. This crime involves someone confronting you outside of your home and demanding or physically removing your personal property from you. Police officers are aware of these crimes in your neighborhood and are looking for the suspects.

The criminals are very interested in stealing cell phones. Walking down the street talking on your cell phone could make you a target for robbery. The robbers are watching for people, including young teenagers, who are involved in their phone call and not paying attention to their surroundings. The suspects may use physical violence to intimidate the victims and sometimes have a weapon.

The crimes usually happen after school, in the later afternoon or early evening hours, or during the day and evenings on weekends. We have noticed that the suspects are often in groups and confront an older victim walking alone or younger victims walking in pairs.

Make yourself and your children difficult targets by following the tips above. Also, if



your cell phone has GPS technology, leave the function turned on so your phone's location can be tracked after the robber has stolen it. Besides cell phones, suspects are also stealing wallets, MP3 players, consumer electronics, jewelry and bikes, especially BMX mountain and street bikes.

Help us Help You

If you have information on these crimes against you and your neighbors, you can anonymously:

Call Robbery detectives at (562) 570-7464

Email link at www.longbeachpd.org

Call 911 to report a crime in progress

Prevention Tips

- Don't use a cell phone while walking on the street, if possible.
- Hide the phone in your bag or pocket, don't clip to your waist.
- If your child brings a cell to school, only use it on campus when necessary, not for fun.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash around.
- Watch for and report suspicious activity